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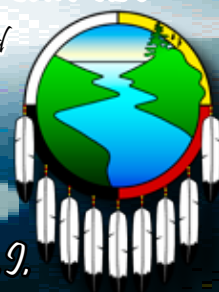
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Rapid River News!

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From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Click here for LRBOI Job Postings
<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

Click here for LRCR Employment
<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

Interior Designers or Landscape Designer opportunity. "Seeking professional qualifications of LRBOI members who are experienced in commercial interior design or landscape design. Please contact Frank Bednarek at 231.722.3407, or submit professional qualifications to Hooker DeJong Architects & Engineers. Information about our firm, including our mailing and email addresses, can be found at www.hookerdejong.com." This notice is provided as a courtesy to our members and does not indicate any relationship or endorsement of the company.

Board of Directors meetings

August 21st, 2009 Board of
Directors Open Session to be held in
the Grand River Room in the
Casino at 4:00 p.m.

Bank Construction update.

Originally, the back door of the bank building was going to be closed this week for repairs, however, the weather interfered. Please watch your e-mail for updates on the construction schedule.



Osiyo Preliminary Report. The consulting firm Osiyo, Inc. presented their first report to the tribal government on Thursday the 6th at the Three Fires Conference Center. The study was of the government structure and operations. Their highly-anticipated review will provide options for the restructuring of government operations. The review was authorized by consensus of the Ogema and Tribal Council.



August Budget meeting
re-scheduled to the 15th!

The annual budget meeting
has been moved to 10 a.m.
on August 15th at the old
Community Center.



Tribal ID Cards. The Enrollment Department will have their camera set up to take the New Tribal I.D.'s at the Fall Meeting. Make sure you bring your old I.D. to turn in.

Tribal Directory:

The Enrollment Department has sent out letters to all Tribal Members 18 and above, letting them know that a Tribal Directory is being worked on. If you do not want your name in this Directory, please send a letter to the Enrollment Department, otherwise, your name will be included in the Directory. They hope to have them ready by the Fall meeting.

Two Internships Left for FY 2009 . The main objective of the Internship program component of the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program is to provide practical work experience as the main objective. The program can still be worked through a potential intern's academic office when possible and to provide the intern with credit hours when feasible. However, the internship is not a requirement of the intern's degree program as an eligibility criteria for participation in the program. All participants in the internship program must be enrolled in college and the internship must be with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) in a Tribal Government Department.

The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has two internship slots left for FY 2009. We are looking for LRBOI Tribal Members and Tribal Preference Students who may be interested in a paid internship of 240 hours at \$10.00 per hour. In order to qualify for an internship, the applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Citizen and at least 18 years of age. The applicant must have a 2.75 cumulative GPA

and must be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited college or university.

Tribal Members interested in this "earn while you learn" program must be enrolled in the Workforce Development Program by completing an Application for Programs form and an Internship Application. Proof of college enrollment must also be provided, such as a Grade Report from the applicants' college or university.

Contact Workforce Development Specialist David Hawley if you are interested at 231-398-6842 or toll-free 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6842 or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com.

[Click here http://www.lrboi.com/commerce/docs/WFDP/2009%20WFD%20Programs.pdf](http://www.lrboi.com/commerce/docs/WFDP/2009%20WFD%20Programs.pdf)

<http://www.lrboi.com/commerce/>

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open as of September 20, 2009.

Commerce Commission	3 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission		3 openings as of 9/20
Binojeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Enrollment Commission		4 openings as of 9/20
Health Commission		2 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

Ogema Meet-N-Greet! On Friday evening (September 11th), Ogema Larry Romanelli will hold his regular membership meet-n-greet at the Three Fires Conference Center beginning at 6 p.m.

Fall Membership Meeting! Be sure and mark your calendars for the next Membership Meeting on September 12th.

(Kateri Circle)

"You are going to learn the most important lesson - that God is the most powerful thing there is."

--Mathew King, LAKOTA

The Medicine Wheel teaches that there are two worlds - the Seen World and the Unseen World, or the Physical World and the Spiritual World. We need information from both of these worlds in order to live our lives in a harmonious way. The most difficult way is to figure things out by ourselves and leave the Great Spirit out of it. When we do this, we are making decisions with information only from the Physical World. This can be called reliance on self. If we ask the Creator to help us, we then get information from the Unseen World or the Spiritual World. The Spiritual World is where we get our power. When we do this, we are God-reliant. Being God-reliant is the same as being on the Red Road.

Great Spirit, whisper the secrets of the Unseen World in my mind's ear.



The LRBOI Elders met on August 1st and had these notes for everyone:

- * Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent 1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566
- * Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.
- * September Meeting will be held at the New Community Center on September 5th, Dontz Road Meal furnished by the Casino.
- * Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered.

Border Crossing & Tribal ID's: The US Customs and Border Patrol office confirmed with Public Affairs last week that Tribal ID cards will not be sufficient for border crossings. They said that to cross the border (and come back) you must have a Passport. Your local Post Office processes passport applications.



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MANISTEE ROAD
COMMISSION
8946 CHIPPEWA HWY.
BEAR LAKE, MI. 49614
FOR MORE INFO CALL
231-889-4761

MASON COUNTY
MASON CO. ROAD
COMMISSION
510 E. STATE STREET
SCOTTVILLE, MI. 49454
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
231-757-3708 EXT.3

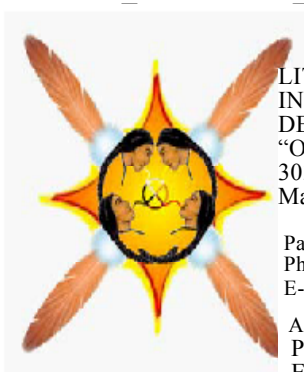
OCEANA COUNTY
HART DPW
1010 STATE STREET
HART, MI. 49420
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
231-861-4967

Hazardous Waste Day!
August 15th is the day to
get rid of all those nasty
chemicals, paints and
stuff that have been
piling up at your house.

Come and Join us for Our Monthly Peacemaking talking circle



The topic of this month's
Talking Circle is
"Walking in Two Worlds"
Traditions in our ev-
eryday lives
(This topic was from
May 27, 2009, that meet-
ing was canceled)



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS PEACEMAKING/PROBATION
DEPARTMENT
"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"
3031 Domres Road
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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Talking Circle meeting scheduled!
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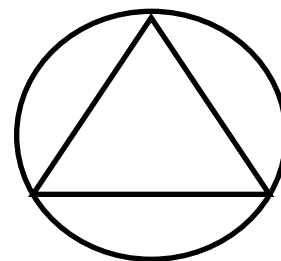
2nd Annual "The Healing Spirit of Recovery"



LRBOI Gathering Grounds, 2811 Chippewa Hwy.,
Manistee, Michigan 49660
August 21-23, 2009 (starting at 4p.m. Friday)

HIS & HERS
GOOD FELLOWSHIP
AA GROUP
PRESENTS

FREE ADMISSION



Conference Activities:

On -Site Camping
Meetings (open recovery)
Sobriety Countdown
Bonfire Meeting
Sunrise Ceremony

Meals

Open Speaker Meetings
Talking Circle
Youth Activities and Music
Sweat Lodge

REGISTRATION

DONATIONS ACCEPTED & APPRECIATED

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Total Number in your party: _____

Please select all that you will be requiring:

of tent sites: _____ (off site Lodging at own expense; call for local listings)

Meals on site: **FRIDAY DINNER** ____ **YES** ____ **NO** **SEATING FOR:** _____

SATURDAY BREAKFAST ____ **YES** ____ **NO** **LUNCH** ____ **YES** ____ **NO** **FEAST** ____ **YES** ____
NO SEATING FOR: _____

SUNDAY BREAKFAST ____ **YES** ____ **NO** **LUNCH** ____ **YES** ____ **NO** **FEAST** ____ **YES** ____
NO SEATING FOR: _____

Contacts: Ron W. 231-233-4280
Kris S. 231-878-7149

Mail to: 244 5th Ave.
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Please bring: camping equipment, bug spray, sunscreen, own chairs
& coolers, and drums. Communities are encouraged to bring Eagle
Staffs and/ or Tribal Flags. PETS must be on a leash at all times.



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Manistee (City) looks to cross deputize!



The Manistee City Council will be holding a study session this week on cross deputizing Tribal Police Officers so that they can respond to police calls in the city, without city officers being present. Currently the Tribal officers back up the city and a number of them serve as summer officers on the city force. Similar discussions have been going on for years with Manistee County without significant progress. This (city) call comes as cutbacks to the State and County have reduced the number of officers to help out.



Natural Resources/Department Presentation. Natural Resources held their annual presentation on programs Saturday at the new Community Center.

Over 50 people attended the feast and presentations. The high point was the drawing of the Elk and Black Bear hunting permits.



Northern
Michigan
University

NMU wants Tribal Youth for Health Care Jobs. Northern Michigan University has announced that they are creating the College Prep Medicine Wheel program to bring tribal youth to the camps this fall so that they can explore various careers in health care. Currently very few Native Americans are in the health care profession.

Back to Dealer School!



An enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

EPA Convenience Store Training

Staff members from the Trading Post and representatives of the Tribal Emergency Planning Committee (TEPC) will be attending this training session as part of their efforts to improve safety and response to incidents on tribal lands.

The Little River Casino Resort is holding a Dealer School August 17, 2009 through September 18, 2009. The basics of dealing Black Jack and Carnival Games will be taught. The school will be open to current employees and Tribal Members on a first come basis. All students must be at least 21 years of age. Classes will be held two days a week for four hours a day. Employees and applicants will attend the school on their own time and will not be paid for attending. Please contact Human Resources at 231-723-4530 for more information.

All applicants will need to successfully satisfy gaming license requirements and drug screening.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.